sent, the Government is not thinking of holding any Parliament Session outside Delhi.

174ft. *[Transferred to* 30th *August,* 1990]

1747. *[Transferred to* 31st *August,* 1990]

Tapping of Telephones of Leaders of various Political Parties

1748. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Central Government as well as State Gov ernments have recently issued direc tions against tapping of the telephones of leaders of various Political Parti-es/groups in the country, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): Interception of telephone messages is ordered by the concerned authorities on the occurrence of any public emergency or in the interest of public safety, as mentioned in Section 5 of the Indian Telegraph Act.

In so far as the said directions by the State Governments are concerned, information thereon is not monitored by the Centra] Government.

Women Organisations request on Gajraula Incident

1749. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL; Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several women organisations have urged the Central Government for speedy action to apprehend the culprits who allegedly raped two nuns in Gajraula town of Uttar Pradesh during the month of July, 1990;

(b) whether Government have contemplated any action to apprehend the culprits;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the facts of the incident; and

(d) what further steps Government propose to take to provide security to the nuns in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Representations were received from number of organisations/associations seeking speedy action in apprehending the culprits involved in this case.

(b) and (c) According to the report received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh, a First Information Report was lodged at the Gajraula Police Station on 13-7-90 in which it was alleged that during the night intervening the 12th and 13th July, three unidentified miscreants armed with iron rods and knives entered the residential part of St. Mary's Convent School, Gajraula (Moradabad district). The miscreants ransacked the belongings, manhandles the nuns and allegedly raped two of the nuns, broke open ths safe from which they removed cash amounting to Rs-1,10,000 and also took away other items like wrist watches, hand bags etc. A case under Section 394 and 376 of the Indian Penal Code was registered. Four of the accused persons have already been arrested. The investigation *of* the case is in progress and a charge-sheet is expected to be filed in the Court soon.

(d) The prevention of crime is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments, Union Territory Administrations. This Ministry interacts with the State Governments and monitors progress with a view to ensuring that serious crimes particularly those against women are properly investigated -rid the culprits brought to book,